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Date: Mon, 24 Mar 2008 16:06:22

To:Sarah Palin <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>

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Thanks. I will get you a copy of Harold Napoleon's book right away. I think Senator Dyson is feeling his age here. He reminds me of some other people in his age bracket who get grumpy and impatient, because they know the clock is running out – and they're passionate about getting something done. Fred has raised so many foster children of alcoholic parents. His heart is in the right place – and hopefully Randy Ruaro and I can sit down with him soon -- and talk about what the state can and can't do to make his vision a reality. He's in a big hurry to get started right away. But we need to make him understand that his vision would be better served by some good planning – and the right timing – which would be at AFN.

I think it would help greatly if you could visit with Dr. Walter Soboleff. This would do a lot to reassure Senator Dyson of your commitment.

In the meantime, I'll get Harold's book out to you in the mail.

Rhonda

From: Sarah Palin [mailto:gov.sarah@yahoo.com]

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Excellent update on this, thanks Rhonda. May I get a copy of that book? And it's unfortunate that Dyson's been so hostile towards us about this idea since he first approached us with it last year, I said it sounded great & asked him to work with our Leg Liason (who's not on the 3rd floor anymore) and let me know what I could do to help... he never got back with us until he wrote a pretty scathing letter re: why we hadn't followed through on his request to set this up. He understands our time constraints we're always under, but I understand his passion for this, and I share it - just wish he could help with more of the logistics of setting everything up, as he says he's been desiring this and working for it for some years. Please continue to work with him on this commission or committee, hopefully he'll take some ownership of this and work with like-minded legislators and members of the public to assist us in setting this up.

"McBride, Rhonda (GOV)" <rhonda.mcbride@alaska.gov> wrote:

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NATIVE COMMISSION PROPOSAL

March 21, 2008

BACKGROUND

Senator Fred Dyson met with the Governor in early 2007 to discuss reconvening the Alaska Natives Commission -- a joint Federal-State body, created by Congress in 1990, to review policies and programs that affect Alaska Natives.

Senator Dyson says two men inspired him to take action:

* Dr. Walter Soboleff, a Tlingit elder who will turn 100 years old this November.

* Harold Napoleon, author of "Yuuyaraq: Way of the Human Being." Napoleon wrote this book while serving time in prison for battering his son to death in an alcoholic blackout. The book gives a historical perspective on why Alaska Natives abuse alcohol.

THE VISION. Walter Soboleff and Harold Napoleon want a state task force comprised of Native elders:

· to review the Commission's report

· to assess the status of Alaska Natives since the report came out in 1994.

· to find out how much progress has been made on the report's recommendations.

Senator Dyson says there's a spiritual aspect to this as well -- that Soboleff and Napoleon believe God directed them to him, to help make their vision a reality.

Some of the goals Dyson describes:

* to "redirect Alaska Native attention to spiritual values and transformation"

* to bring together "a group of godly men and women from Alaska's Native peoples to meet and study the many Native problems and identify solutions."

Originally, Dyson considered introducing legislation to resurrect the "Alaska Native Commission," but said it would be difficult to restrict members of the panel to "people with deep spiritual conviction."

Dyson now believes it would be easier for the Governor to appoint such a panel by executive order.

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CURRENT STATUS

This issue was brought to my attention in mid-February. I've met with the key players.

* 2/26/08. Met with Harold Napoleon
* 2/27/08. Met with Fred Dyson.
* 2/29/08. Met with Fred Dyson & Dr. Walter Soboleff

HAROLD NAPOLEON MEETING

This meeting was quite emotional. I've known Harold Napoleon for many years, but he's never spoken so intimately of the day his son died – the day his spiritual journey began.

At the time, Napoleon was head of the Association of Village Council Presidents, one of Southwest Alaska's most powerful leaders.

But alcohol brought an end to all that. Napoleon described the confusion when he awoke in a strange place after a night of heavy drinking -- how Trooper Jerry Hooper gently told him what he had done, even took him outside to get some air. Napoleon said time literally stopped in the room where he was held – that it seemed like hours had gone by. But when he

looked at the clock, only five minutes had passed.

And from that day in1984 forward, time would keep dragging on. Napoleon spent nine years in prison. But out of this time of darkness came an important book -- that sheds new light on old problems.

While in prison, Napoleon had time to talk with other Native inmates – and found they had so much in common. These discussions sparked a desire to learn the root causes of Native alcoholism. In his book, "Yuuyaraq (you-yuh-hawk) : The Way of the Human Being," he discounted the role of genetics -- and said the primary cause of alcoholism is spiritual not physical.

Governor Walter Hickel was among those deeply moved by the book. He later tapped Napoleon as an advisor in efforts to bring about a change in the Native condition.

Napoleon now believes genetics it plays a greater role than he once thought, but he still believes the central issue is inter-generational trauma. Today he talks about this trauma passes from generation to generation through child abuse.

To break this chain of death and self-destruction, Napoleon says Alaska Natives must return to the source of cultural breakdown -- the "Great Death," a series of epidemics which struck Native communities from the 1770's to the 1940's, which wiped out the "old culture."

Napoleon says Alaska Natives do not realize that Native culture today is very different from what existed before the "Great Death."

Napoleon believes a Native Commission could make a big difference, by helping Natives understand their past - a process that will take open and honest communication.

DR. WALTER SOBOLEFF MEETING

This meeting was also quite powerful. How often do you get to sit down with a 99-year-old man, who is so clear in mind and heart -- so humble, yet so great?

Aside from reviewing the Alaska Native Commission report, Walter Soboleff would like to use the commisison as a vehicle to reconnect Alaska Natives to their "old culture" - which was governed by an elaborate set of rules to promote good behavior.

"Good behavior is prevention," Walter said. "We have the best of doctors, clinics, everything, but now we need to let people know they need to behave themselves."

Soboleff says the commission needs to focus on "delinquent parents," because "parental delinquency is contagious."

Some of the other concepts he would like the commission to promote among Alaska Natives.

* The road of progress is under construction and you are one of the workers.

* Every village, every community is a teacher. And a community teaches us well. We must ask: what kind of lessons are Alaska Native communities teaching today?

* All cultures have family values, cultural commandments. Take the best of each culture. Take the best of both worlds.

* Share codes of conduct and protocol from different Native Cultures.

* Native people need to speak out about bad behavior. We act because we care. If we don't speak -- and don't act, it means we don't care.

* Good people need to support the helpless, but sometimes good people are too busy.

FEEDBACK FROM OTHER ALASKA NATIVE LEADERS

* Most like the idea of a Native Commission to explore Native issues and give feedback to the Governor. They point out that other states with much smaller Native populations than Alaska have departments set-up to deal with tribal groups. They would like to see something similar and see the commission as a good start.

* Senator Dyson gave us a list of people to tap for the commission. All were Native religious leaders. Almost all of the Native leaders I spoke with think this panel should have broader representation.

* A number of leaders say they would like to see a mix of elders and young leaders on the panel. They believe this would energize and inspire a growing number of talented young Natives.

* Some wanted to see subsistence included. Others felt that this would be too divisive - that nothing would result and the commission would lose credibility.

* Some say the scope of this task force should be limited - that if it was asked to do too many things, it would fail -- that it would be better for the Governor to give this board one assignment with a short time frame. Upon completion, the Governor and the group would decide whether the board should live on. If so, they would then decide what the next task would be.

* Others thought the group should serve as an advisory board to the Rural Advisor, who

would pass on their input on current issues to the governor.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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Janice- when is this meeting?

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Subject: Sudan

Russ- if you get a chance to talk to Gara or Lynn, let them know I do support their efforts on divestment. I haven't known what they needed of me, but I'm not impressed with Mike Burns avoiding the question and giving Alaskans the ol' "not available for comment" comment.

If asked, I'm telling Alaskans I still desire to have the conversation with Burns to let him know my take on this (but he hasn't expressed interest in knowing what I'd like to do on this issue) and I side with those who believe our "bottom line" shouldn"t be our sole global concern in this matter.

If I can do anything to help those lawmakers, even if it's just taking a public stand on this, I'll do so. They can suggest ways I could help. Thanks

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Governor Palin Announces Board Appointments

March 24, 2008, Juneau, Alaska - Governor Sarah Palin today announced appointments to the Fishermen's Fund Advisory and Appeals Council, Alaska Retirement Management Board and Prince William Sound Oil Spill Recovery Institute.

Fishermen's Fund Advisory and Appeals Council

Governor Palin appointed Mark Saldi of Skagway to the State Fishermen's Fund Board.

The six-member Council oversees the administration of the Fishermen's Fund and consults with the commissioner of the Department of Labor and Workforce Development regarding negative decisions on appeals filed in relation to care of sick and disabled fishermen.

Saldi has been a commercial fisherman for 28 years, working in a variety of positions, including deckhand, mate and skipper, on many vessels in different fisheries around the state. He holds a Coast Guard 200-ton ocean master license and five commercial fisheries limited-entry permits. Saldi is a past member of Skagway's Economic Development Committee and Ports and Harbors Committee. He received a bachelor's degree in business administration from Colorado State University. Saldi will serve a five-year term representing District 2.

Alaska Retirement Management Board

Governor Palin reappointed Martin Pihl of Ketchikan, Tom Richards of Fairbanks and Michael Williams of Anchorage to the Retirement Management Board.

The nine-member Board is comprised of the commissioners of the Departments of Revenue and Administration and seven trustees appointed by the Governor who are professionally credentialed or have recognized competence in investment management, finance, banking, economics, accounting, pension, administration or actuarial analysis.

Pihl is a certified public accountant who is a public member of the Board. He is a past member of the Alaska Permanent Fund Corp. and is the former president and general manager of Ketchikan Pulp Company. Pihl has served on a variety of community and state-level boards, including the Alaska State Pension Investment Board and the Ketchikan Ports and Harbors Advisory Board. He is a former regent of Pacific Lutheran University and has served as a director of National Bank of Alaska. He currently is a member of the Wells Fargo Bank Alaska Statewide Advisory Board. Pihl earned a bachelor's degree in accounting from the University of Washington. He will serve a four-year term.

Richards has served on the state's Teachers' Retirement System Board for the past year. He is a lifelong Alaskan and 27-year educator in the Fairbanks North Star Borough School District. Richards has served on the Northern Schools Federal Credit Union Board as well as on the Alaska Bond and Reimbursement Committee. He earned a bachelor's degree in zoology from the University of Idaho and a master's in education from Western Oregon University. He will serve a four-year term.

Williams, who works as an auditor with the Alaska Department of Revenue, fills a union seat on the board. He is a professional accountant and is certified by the International Foundation for Employee Benefit Plans and also by the IRS Office of Professional Responsibility. Williams earned a bachelor's degree in accounting and German and a master's in professional accountancy, both from Weber State University. He will serve a four-year term.

Prince William Sound Oil Spill Recovery Institute

Governor Palin appointed David Totemoff Sr., of the Prince William Sound community of Tatitlek, to the Prince William Sound Oil Spill Recovery Institute.

The Institute is administered by the Prince William Sound & Technology Institute located in Cordova. Its purpose is to identify and develop the best available techniques, equipment and materials for dealing with oil spills in the Arctic and subarctic marine environment and to complement federal and state damage-assessment efforts and determine, document, assess and understand the long-range effects of Arctic or subarctic oil spills.

Totemoff is a senior Native leader. He is 100 percent Aleut and is a lifelong Alaskan with 15 years of commercial fishing experience. Since 1976, he has been employed with BP on the North Slope. He serves as BP's community liaison to the Prince William Sound area, and is also on the board of directors for Chugach Alaska Corp.

Sharon Leighow

Deputy Press Secretary

Deputy Communications Director

(907) 269-7450 Anchorage

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Unknown

From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Monday, March 24, 2008 2:43 PM
To: Leighow; Sharon W (GOV)
Cc: Provost; Kathryn T (GOV)
Subject: FW: Oil&Gas

-----Original Message-----

From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]

Sent: Monday, March 24, 2008 10:11 AM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Oil&Gas

Web mail from: Mr. Robert Ralls

address: 37635 Spring Court Sterling AK 99672

907-260-9772

MESSAGE:

A few weeks ago I contracted your press secretary and voiced my concern for the price of fuel here on the Kenai Peninsula. she stated that she would get back to me with an answer, I have not received any reply and I really would like to know why the prices here on the Peninsula are higher, when we have a refinery located near by where as we get our fuel. I would like an answer to this question>

Thank You

Robert Ralls

rralls@alaska.net

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Monday, March 24, 2008 2:41 PM
To: Ivy personal; Frank Bailey; Perry; Kristina Y (GOV)
Cc: Leighow; Sharon W (GOV); Leschper; Beth (GOV)
Subject: Fw: Lyman Hoffman

Watch the crazy games they'll play in these budget votes on the floor-(see email below)-ya wonder how long they can get away with these actions before we, or the press, or the public, does something about their untruthful words and actions. Up next will be their education funding bill actions that will attempt to look like they had to "fix" our funding plan- when the districts find out what they'll actually be adopting they will be back again next year asking for more $$$, which I was trying to avoid. At least next year I'll be able to say: Nope, you got what you got and I got no help from you as I tried to forward-fund education. So I won't be the advocate for increased public school funding next year- we tried.

Sent from my BlackBerry® device from Cellular One

-----Original Message-----

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Date: Mon, 24 Mar 2008 22:35:53

To:"Russ Kelly" <russ.kelly@alaska.gov>,"Mike Tibbles" <mike.tibbles@alaska.gov>,"Karen Rehfeld" <karen.rehfeld@alaska.gov>,"Sharon Leighow" <sharon.leighow@alaska.gov>

Cc:"Beth Leschper" <beth.leschper@alaska.gov>

Subject: Lyman

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Monday, March 24, 2008 2:36 PM
To: Kelly; Russell T (GOV); Tibbles; Michael A (GOV); Rehfeld; Karen J (GOV); Leighow; Sharon W (GOV)
Cc: Leschper; Beth (GOV)
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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Monday, March 24, 2008 2:32 PM
To: 'fishingketchikan@kpunet.net'
Subject: RE: Fish_and_Game

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From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]

Sent: Monday, March 24, 2008 12:19 PM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Fish_and_Game

Web mail from: Ken Teune

address: PO Box 793 Ward Cove AK 99928

907-247-8488

MESSAGE:

March 20, 2008

The Honorable Sarah Palin

Governor of Alaska

P.O. Box 110001

Juneau, AK 99811-0001

Mr. Eric Olson

Chairman

North Pacific Fishery Management Council

605 West 4th, Suite 306

Anchorage, Alaska 99501-2252

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Thank you for your consideration of this letter.

Respectfully,

Name

Company

Signature

Ken Teune

Northern Lights Charters

Kenneth P. Teune

fishingketchikan@kpunet.net

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From: Sarah Palin [gov.sarah@yahoo.com]

Sent: Monday, March 24, 2008 2:53 PM

To: McBride; Rhonda (GOV)

Cc: Kelly; Russell T (GOV); Tibbles; Michael A (GOV); Nizich; Michael A (GOV); Jollie; Tara L (CED); Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); Bailey; Frank T (GOV); fek9wnr@yahoo.com; Privileged or Person

Subject: Re: Update on Senator Dyson's Native Commission Proposal

Excellent update on this, thanks Rhonda. May I get a copy of that book? And it's unfortunate that Dyson's been so hostile towards us about this idea since he first approached us with it last year, I said it sounded great & asked him to work with our Leg Liason (who's not on the 3rd floor anymore) and let me know what I could do to help... he never got back with us until he wrote a pretty scathing letter re: why we hadn't followed through on his request to set this up. He understands our time constraints we're always under, but I understand his passion for this, and I share it - just wish he could help with more of the logistics of setting everything up, as he says he's been desiring this and working for it for some years. Please continue to work with him on this commission or committee, hopefully he'll take some ownership of this and work with like-minded legislators and members of the public to assist us in setting this up.

"McBride, Rhonda (GOV)" <rhonda.mcbride@alaska.gov> wrote:

> # DRAFT:
> # NATIVE COMMISSION PROPOSAL
> March 21, 2008
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> BACKGROUND
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> Senator Fred Dyson met with the Governor in early 2007 to discuss reconvening the Alaska Natives Commission -- a joint Federal-State body, created by Congress in 1990, to review policies and programs that affect Alaska Natives.
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> Senator Dyson says two men inspired him to take action:
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> - Dr. Walter Soboleff, a Tlingit elder who will turn 100 years old this November.
> - Harold Napoleon, author of "Yuuyaraq: Way of the Human Being." Napoleon wrote this book while serving time in prison for battering his son to death in an alcoholic blackout. The book gives a historical perspective on why Alaska Natives abuse alcohol.
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> THE VISION. Walter Soboleff and Harold Napoleon want a state task force comprised of Native elders:
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> - to review the Commission's report
> - to assess the status of Alaska Natives since the report came out in 1994.

- to find out how much progress has been made on the report's recommendations.

Senator Dyson says there's a spiritual aspect to this as well -- that Soboleff and Napoleon believe God directed them to him, to help make their vision a reality.

Some of the goals Dyson describes:

- to "redirect Alaska Native attention to spiritual values and transformation"
- to bring together "a group of godly men and women from Alaska's Native peoples to meet and study the many Native problems and identify solutions."

Originally, Dyson considered introducing legislation to resurrect the "Alaska Native Commission," but said it would be difficult to restrict members of the panel to "people with deep spiritual conviction."

Dyson now believes it would be easier for the Governor to appoint such a panel by executive order.

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CURRENT STATUS

This issue was brought to my attention in mid-February. I've met with the key players.

- 2/26/08. Met with Harold Napoleon
- 2/27/08. Met with Fred Dyson.
- 2/29/08. Met with Fred Dyson & Dr. Walter Soboleff

HAROLD NAPOLEON MEETING

This meeting was quite emotional. I've known Harold Napoleon for many years, but he's never spoken so intimately of the day his son died – the day his spiritual journey began.

At the time, Napoleon was head of the Association of Village Council Presidents, one of

Southwest Alaska's most powerful leaders.

But alcohol brought an end to all that. Napoleon described the confusion when he awoke in a strange place after a night of heavy drinking -- how Trooper Jerry Hooper gently told him what he had done, even took him outside to get some air. Napoleon said time literally stopped in the room where he was held – that it seemed like hours had gone by. But when he looked at the clock, only five minutes had passed.

And from that day in1984 forward, time would keep dragging on. Napoleon spent nine years in prison. But out of this time of darkness came an important book -- that sheds new light on old problems.

While in prison, Napoleon had time to talk with other Native inmates – and found they had so much in common. These discussions sparked a desire to learn the root causes of Native alcoholism. In his book, "Yuuyaraq (you-yuh-hawk) : The Way of the Human Being," he discounted the role of genetics -- and said the primary cause of alcoholism is spiritual not physical.

Governor Walter Hickel was among those deeply moved by the book. He later tapped Napoleon as an advisor in efforts to bring about a change in the Native condition.

Napoleon now believes genetics it plays a greater role than he once thought, but he still believes the central issue is inter-generational trauma. Today he talks about this trauma passes from generation to generation through child abuse.

To break this chain of death and self-destruction, Napoleon says Alaska Natives must return to the source of cultural breakdown -- the "Great Death," a series of epidemics which struck Native communities from the 1770's to the 1940's, which wiped out the "old culture."

Napoleon says Alaska Natives do not realize that Native culture today is very different from what existed before the "Great Death."

Napoleon believes a Native Commission could make a big difference, by helping Natives understand their past – a process that will take open and honest communication.

DR. WALTER SOBOLEFF MEETING

This meeting was also quite powerful. How often do you get to sit down with a 99-year-old man, who is so clear in mind and heart -- so humble, yet so great?

Aside from reviewing the Alaska Native Commission report, Walter Soboleff would like to use the commisison as a vehicle to reconnect Alaska Natives to their "old culture" – which was governed by an elaborate set of rules to promote good behavior.

"Good behavior is prevention," Walter said. "We have the best of doctors, clinics, everything, but now we need to let people know they need to behave themselves."

Soboleff says the commission needs to focus on "delinquent parents," because "parental delinquency is contagious."

Some of the other concepts he would like the commission to promote among Alaska Natives.

- The road of progress is under construction and you are one of the workers.
- Every village, every community is a teacher. And a community teaches us well. We must ask: what kind of lessons are Alaska Native communities teaching today?
- All cultures have family values, cultural commandments. Take the best of each culture. Take the best of both worlds.
- Share codes of conduct and protocol from different Native Cultures.
- Native people need to speak out about bad behavior. We act because we care. If we don't speak -- and don't act, it means we don't care.
- Good people need to support the helpless, but sometimes good people are too busy.

FEEDBACK FROM OTHER ALASKA NATIVE LEADERS

- Most like the idea of a Native Commission to explore Native issues and give feedback to the Governor. They point out that other states with much smaller Native populations than Alaska have departments set-up to deal with tribal groups. They would like to see something similar and see the commission as a good start.
- Senator Dyson gave us a list of people to tap for the commission. All were Native religious leaders. Almost all of the Native leaders I spoke with think this panel should have broader representation.
- A number of leaders say they would like to see a mix of elders and young leaders on the panel. They believe this would energize and inspire a growing number of talented young Natives.
- Some wanted to see subsistence included. Others felt that this would be too divisive – that nothing would result and the commission would lose credibility.
- Some say the scope of this task force should be limited – that if it was asked to do too many things, it would fail -- that it would be better for the Governor to give this board one assignment with a short time frame. Upon completion, the Governor and the group would decide whether the board should live on. If so, they would then decide what the next task would be.
- Others thought the group should serve as an advisory board to the Rural Advisor, who would pass on their input on current issues to the governor.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]

Sent: Monday, March 24, 2008 1:02 PM

To: gmoerlein@gci.net

Subject: RE: SB 176/ HB 256

Thank you for writing to Alaska Governor Sarah Palin. The concerns, opinions, and/or information you have sent are important and valuable to the Governor. Although she is unable to respond to each and every email herself, your message has been received and is being reviewed by the appropriate staff person in this office who can best address your need, suggestion, or comment.

From: gmoerlein@gci.net [mailto:gmoerlein@gci.net]
Sent: Monday, March 24, 2008 9:20 AM
To: Bunde, Con (LAA); Bob Lynn; Hawker, Mike (LAA); Palin, Sarah H (GOV)
Subject: SB 176/ HB 256

I urge passage this session of these bills which will deter ballot box game management. Our fish and game resources are best managed by professionals not by hysteria. The public has ample opportunity to voice their opinions at Board meetings and by petitioning the governor and legislators regarding people selected for the Boards.

George Moerlein
7300 O'Malley - 99507

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Monday, March 24, 2008 12:58 PM
To: Spencer; Kari L (GOV)
Subject: FW: Budget

-----Original Message-----

From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]

Sent: Monday, March 24, 2008 7:16 AM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Budget

Web mail from: Mr. TIMOTHY TILSWORTH

address: 1900 RAVEN DRIVE FAIRBANKS AK 99709

907-479-0643

MESSAGE:

FYI

A POM was successfully sent

From:

Timothy Tilsworth

To:

All Legislators

Subject

The message was sent in reference to:

Supplemental Appropriations

Message

The message contained the following text:

Supplemental Capital Budget

ABSOLUTE NONSENSE - support the Governor.

fftt@uaf.edu

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Monday, March 24, 2008 12:52 PM
To: valleymoosetrack@hotmail.com
Subject: RE: Public_Safety

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From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]

Sent: Sunday, March 23, 2008 10:55 AM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Public_Safety

Web mail from: Ms. Valerie Luczak

address: 2242 East Carney Road Wasilla AK 99654

MESSAGE:

In this season of Hope and Renewal, Easter and Ester(Purim) I would like to request a state resolution sent to the federal government that Alaska wants diplomacy and not a premptive nuclear attack on Iran (as seems to be 'the plan' and looms over us who have no say). I also ask this on a selfish note, as we are in close proximity to their most powerful ally, Russia, and cannot be assured that retailiatory actions won't be taken upon our beloved state, it's people and resources. I wrote something similar to the legislators in a POM today as well. I think it time we, as a state, voice outrage at the killing of innocent civilians, wherever they might be, and work worldwide for diplomatic answers to seemingly impossible situations. I am a person of faith, in the Presence, and feel it is time for us to stand together for peace and the health of the planet and it's inhabitants. We must make a concerted effort to eliminate GREED, and attempt to share responsibility with our fellow 'ear

thlings'. Happy Easter 2008, Valerie Luczak

valleymoosetrack@hotmail.com

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Monday, March 24, 2008 12:46 PM
To: shalini_hanspal@hotmail.com
Subject: RE: Environment

Thank you for writing to Alaska Governor Sarah Palin. The concerns, opinions, and/or information you have sent are important and valuable to the Governor. Although she is unable to respond to each and every email herself, your message has been received and is being reviewed by the appropriate staff person in this office who can best address your need, suggestion, or comment.

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From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]

Sent: Sunday, March 23, 2008 2:08 PM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Environment

Web mail from: Ms. Shalini Aguilera

address: 1301 Medfra Street, Unit B, Anchorage AK 99501

6468987671

MESSAGE:

Your quote above this page states that you would welcome ALL comments, concerns, ideas, and questions. Therefore, I would appreciate if you not only welcomed what I am about to say, but gave it serious thought and responded.

I have read things about you that I find are completely irresponsible in this day and age. I have read that you are one of the biggest opponents of the wellbeing of wolves and other wildlife, in favor of oil (which to me just sounds like you favor cash). I have read that you elected one of your high school coaches to sit on the Board of Game. You have introduced legislation that will deny anyone in favor of protecting wildlife the right to vote in your own state. Can you sit back and honestly tell me that this is the work of a responsible politician?

I am someone who has a deep love and connection to the wolf in particular, as well as all of wildlife. I do not believe that humans should be termed a superior species and therefore be given sole rights to the world, and neither do I support a select few to do so. Have you ever seen a wolf being shot at from the air? It doesn't die immediately, being such a strong and willful creature. Neither is it allowed to recuperate, despite its immense stamina. Is it really that entertaining to you, to watch a living being run into exhaustion by a bunch of pompous "hunters" from a helicopter that laugh at it as it bleeds its heart out? Does that not bother you? Would you allow it if say, a human was in that wolf's place? Would you change your mind if it was you?

I know what a majority of misguided people think. They say that animals don't feel pain, don't comprehend emotions, don't have a consciousness. I say it is all completely wrong. We are not an exception to this world, unless you count our stupidity. All animals feel, and to a great extent - it's a necessity for survival. If they didn't feel pain, they wouldn't try so hard to live.

I also believe that when people talk of wildlife management, they assume that means you just kill any quota of animals you find. I say it's wrong. There are many species that have a certain social dynamic in their given groups. A wolf pack functions with one or two leaders. The loss of that or those leaders is devastating to the pack, who are then thrust into confusion until someone else is able to take over.

I don't know how much of what I say will actually get through to you, but I refuse to stand by and allow you to commit such a grave and completely irrational mistake.

Sincerely

Shalini Aguilera

shalini_hanspal@hotmail.com

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From: Balash, Joseph R (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=JRBALASH]
Sent: Monday, March 24, 2008 11:20 AM
To: 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'; Tibbles; Michael A (GOV)
Subject: Cruise ship General permit

I recieved a briefing this morning from commissioner Hartig and his staff regarding the general permit for cruise ship discharges. It is going to be issued and released later today or tommorrow.

The department is siding with the unitiative sponsors and not allowing a mixing zone. They are, however, going to utilize a compliance schedule to try and accommodate the reality that the ships cannot possibly retrofit their vessels this season. Gershon Cohen acknowledged the need to be reasonable in a meeting with the department two weeks ago.

The heart of this debate comes down to the design of the State's water quality regulations. They are calibrated for ambient conditions...which is the condition the water would be in after dilution. Basically, this is a back-door effort to wage war on mixing zones. Let me explain.

The cruise ships do not persently have the technology to discharge water quality standard water at the end of the pipe. That would require that the water in the pipe is good enough for fish to swim in. Gershon wants the Cruise industry to spend the money that it will take to meet those standards. He believes they are making enough profit to cover those expenditures. Once the cruise industry has proven up that technology, he wants to move on to other industries.

Here's the problem with that approach. The cruisers contend that they will not make the investment necessary to meet the standards. Instead, they will take the ships outside of state waters and discharge freely out in the gulf. This will result in less time in communities and have a negative economic impact. That will, in turn, result in southeast legislators supporting changes to the law later on...presumably as soon as next session. Of course they would like to do it this session.

With all this as context, the general permit will contain a compliance schedule that will allow the ships to operate as-is this year, but will require progressive steps in future years. It is possible that the industry will react very negatively. The enviros may react negatively, but may not.

The department intends to issue a positive press release and fact sheet. Again, that will be later today or tommorrow. If you have any questions or concerns, please let me know.

Joe

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Monday, March 24, 2008 10:29 AM
To: 'lostinalaska@gci.net'
Subject: RE: Fish_and_Game

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Sent: Sunday, March 23, 2008 6:00 PM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Fish_and_Game

Web mail from: Mr. Kevin Burchfield

address: 7701 N. Douglas Hwy Juneau AK 99801

907.789.2269

MESSAGE:

The Honorable Sarah Palin

Governor of Alaska

P.O. Box 110001

Juneau, AK 99811-0001

Mr. Eric Olson

Chairman

North Pacific Fishery Management Council

605 West 4th, Suite 306

Anchorage, Alaska 99501-2252

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Thank you for your consideration of this letter.

Respectfully,

Capt. J. Kevin Burchfield

Owner/Guide

Lost In Alaska Adventures

lostinalaska@gci.net

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Monday, March 24, 2008 10:27 AM
To: bayless@mtaonline.net
Subject: RE: Other

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From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]

Sent: Sunday, March 23, 2008 6:57 PM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Other

Web mail from: Mr. Jeff Bayless

address: 234 E. Eagle Ave Palmer AK 99645

907.841.8554

MESSAGE:

Dear Governor Palin,

I am and have been the captain in charge of the airport heights fire station (station three) of the Anchorage Fire Department. It is my understanding that replacement funding for it is currently included in the supplemental budget.

In the event it makes it to your desk I request that you support its replacement by allowing it to remain in the budget. I recognize that it is both a large amount of money (for the city) and at the same time relatively small.

Fire station three is 45 years old and while it has been well cared for by the crews and maintained by the city it presents ongoing maintenance challenges which will require extensive and expensive work to resolve.

With our additional tasking as the USAR station for the city and tri-borough area we need additional space for apparatus and the associated gear and equipment which is currently housed in different places.

Thank You for your support.

bayless@mtaonline.net

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Monday, March 24, 2008 10:15 AM
To: Busch; Sharon K (GOV)
Cc: Leighow; Sharon W (GOV); Mason; Janice L (GOV)
Subject: FW: Elections

-----Original Message-----

From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]

Sent: Friday, March 21, 2008 5:40 PM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Elections

Web mail from: Brett Fuller

address: 8204 John Mosby Hwy Boyce VA 22620

540-837-1086

MESSAGE:

As a staunch supporter of the Republican Party & Sen. John McCain, it is my belief that you would add much to the GOP Ticket! Here's hoping you'll consider the V.P. position if offered. Also, what are the chances of getting an autographed picture? If possible, send to:

Big Daddy Detail & Auto Sales, Inc.

Attention: R. Brett Fuller

8204 John Mosby Hwy

Boyce, Virginia 22620

Any fees required or postage will gladly be accepted!!

P.S. Great names for your children! I have a son named Ridge.

bgdaddy232@verizon.net

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Monday, March 24, 2008 10:03 AM
To: jleerex@matnet.com
Subject: RE: Elections

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From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]

Sent: Friday, March 21, 2008 11:00 PM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Elections

Web mail from: Mr. Gerald Rexrode

address: POB 870725 Wasilla AK 99687

907-373-7799

MESSAGE:

The Honorable Governor Sarah Palin:

I have (or had) made up my mind not to vote for another Republican candidate in this great state of ours (so okay, other than supporting you) so long as the ethically challenged Randy Ruedrich remains at the head of the Republican Party of Alaska.

I maintain my stance on that issue.

I may, however, change my mind on that score to a limited extent now that our Lieutenant Governor, Sean Parnell, with your backing and support (thank you very much) has come out and challenged our excuse for a Congressman, Don Young.

Thank you once again for your willingness to stand up for what you believe in and for what you think is right and proper.

We need changes in the Republican Party of Alaska.

Serious changes, beginning with leadership.

High time to move the old guard out.

Thank you very much,

Gerald Rexrode

Wasilla

jleerex@matnet.com

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Monday, March 24, 2008 8:10 AM
To: glennair@alaska.com
Subject: RE: Education

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From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]

Sent: Saturday, March 22, 2008 9:22 PM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Education

Web mail from: Doug Glenn

address: P.O Box 1924 palmer AK 99645

907-232-5685

MESSAGE:

Dear Sarah I am a huge supporter of yours but am having trouble swalowing this budget. Its entirely to much. We need to can about 40 percent of our state employees. that would be a good start. Privatise everything we can. You need to study New zelands reform government. It worked. If I can be of any assistance to you please call me sincerly Doug Glenn.

glennair@alaska.com

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Monday, March 24, 2008 8:10 AM
To: Spencer; Kari L (GOV)
Cc: Provost; Kathryn T (GOV); Mason; Janice L (GOV)
Subject: FW: Other

-----Original Message-----

From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]

Sent: Saturday, March 22, 2008 9:38 PM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Other

Web mail from: David Bunnell

address: P.O. Box 728 Sterling AK 99672

907-262-7909

MESSAGE:

Governor Palin,

I have lived in Alaska since 1971, I am 63 years old and I am so proud of the job you are doing. Please do not let the lawmakers have any slack, if they can't truly justify their supplemental budget requests then VETO them as you promised. Don't back up an inch, if you do, they will just keep pressing you until they find that you will eventually cave and go along with them on this and future things of the same nature.

I can not describe how good it feels to have someone like you leading us. My hat is off to your parents for instilling into you what is right and wrong and for you to believe in yourself when making those tough decisions that have to be made.

I would like to suggest that the money in the PFD be used to build the gas line and that all of us become owners with a proportionate ownership of the profits.

Try to ignore Dan Fagen, he is just an outsider that is trying to make a name for himself here where he could not do it elsewhere. =)

Congratulations on your baby to be.

Keep up the good work and don't give'm any slack.

Respectfully yours, David Bunnell

dbunnell@gci.net

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Monday, March 24, 2008 3:35 PM
To: Wilken; Jessica M (GOV)
Cc: Mason; Janice L (GOV)
Subject: FW: Please let others know...

From: Myrna Brown [mailto:mbrown@ccthita.org]
Sent: Monday, March 24, 2008 3:08 PM
To: nicole.hallingstad@sealaska.com; Ella Bennett; Thea Brown; kate.kokotovich@sealaska.com; gary.droubay@goldbelt.com; angel.culp@goldbelt.com; norman.flood@goldbelt.com; Kathy Miller; peter@kootznoowoo.com; amalia.monreal@searhc.org; Andrew Ebona; Alfred McKinley, Sr.; Donnelly, Bernice M (EED); bobloescher@gci.net; Brad Fluetsch; bethel@gci.net; Connie Munro; Chris McNeil; carolee.martin@searhc.org; dcadiente@gci.net; Brown, Darrell (HAL); Don Bremner; Corpuz, Elena (DOA); Ethel Lund; Gomez, Shelly (HSS); gastineau_eagles@jsd.k12.ak.us; Ishmael Hope; jfjil; Judy Mason; Kolvig, Keitha J (ACS); Maureen Brown; Michele Metz; Miller, Mary E (DOL); makookesh@hotmail.com; memartin@gci.net; marietta.hopkins@sealaska.com; Norman Sarabia; Percy Martin; pexendine@gci.net; Jackson, Patsy A; Ronald Williams; Ruaro, Randall P (GOV); Renee Culp; Sue Ann Lindoff; Palin, Sarah H (GOV); Vicki Soboleff; Diane Carrier
Subject: Please let others know...

The Alaska Native Brotherhood Camp 2 and Central Council of Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska proudly announces the next Native Issues Forum scheduled for this coming Wednesday, March 26th featuring Peggy Cowan, Superintendent of Juneau Schools and Native Education Committee member and Elder Selina Everson. We've contacted our legislators and staff encouraging their representation to this important educational forum. Please share with others.

Thank you so much; have a great day!

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Monday, March 24, 2008 2:41 PM
To: Smith; Lynne M (GOV)
Subject: FW: NWBC Engage! March 2008 Issue

From: National Women's Business Council [mailto:info@nwbc.mmsend.com] **On Behalf Of** National Women's Business Council
Sent: Monday, March 24, 2008 9:23 AM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: NWBC Engage! March 2008 Issue

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March 2008

Council Hosts Successful Town Hall Meet Columbus

On March 12 in Columbus, Ohio, the National Womer held the first of three town hall meetings for women scheduled for 2008. The free event, which attracted participants, provided an opportunity for the Council to hear population of women business owners who may not be involv public policy process. The Council will hold similar town hall Texas on April 3 and Boca Raton, Florida on May 14. Visit wv information or to register.

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Council Discusses 2008 Priorities at Mee

On March 13, the Council held a semi-annual meetin of The Longaberger Company in Newark, Ohio followi Town Hall Meeting. The meeting was hosted by Cour Longaberger at her company headquarters in order to mark Chair. During the meeting, Longaberger presided over the s Council members. In addition, the Council discussed the stat procurement, reviewed recent projects and discussed plans f

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Comment Period Extended on Women-O Business Contracting Rule

The U.S. Small Business Administration has reopenec

on the Women-Owned Small Business Federal Contract Assistance Procedures (72 FR 73285) proposed rule. The original comment period was from December 27, 2007, through February 25, 2008, but the SBA reopened the comment period until March 31, 2008 to accommodate the great level of interest that the proposed rule has generated.

www.nwbc.gov

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NWBC to Participate in Procurement Conference

NWBC once again will be participating in the Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization's (OSDBU) 18th Annual Procurement Conference at the Show Place Arena in Upper Marlboro, Maryland on April 24, 2008. The national one-day conference is geared to fostering business partnerships between the Federal government, prime contractors, and small, minority, veteran-owned, HubZone, and women-owned businesses.

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Small Business Week Events Scheduled for April

The Small Business Administration will mark National Small Business Week 2008 from April 21-25. Beginning with three days of events in Washington, D.C., the SBA will recognize more than 100 outstanding business owners from across the country. On April 24th, following DC-based events, Small Business Week will move to New York City, where SBA will participate in the closing bell ceremony at NASDAQ to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the Women's Business Ownership Act (HR. 5050), which established NWBC and the Women's Business Center program. NWBC will then serve as a host of a reception following the event, "Celebrating Women Entrepreneurs," along with other women's business organizations and corporate partners.

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March is Women's History Month

The Council, along with several other government agencies, will be celebrating Women's History Month at a special event on March 27 in Washington, DC. The event, entitled *Women Making History...Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow*, is being organized by the National Women's History Month Inter-agency Committee. The program will include workshops on finance and career development, agency displays, and keynote remarks from Ms. Shinae Chun, Director of the Women's Bureau at the U.S. Department of Labor.

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Women of Courage Honored on International Women's Day

Under Secretary of State for Democracy and Global Affairs Paula J. Dobriansky honored eight women with 2008 International Women of Courage Awards on March 10th, International Women's Day. Later that day, President and Mrs. Bush also honored the award winners at the White House at a ceremony attended by women members of Congress and cabinet members. NWBC Executive Director Margaret Barton attended both events.

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SBA Launches Online Contracting Course

The U.S. Small Business Administration recently launched a free online course called *Business Opportunities: A Guide to Winning Federal Contracts*. The instructional, self-paced guide, available on SBA's Website at www.sba.gov/training, is designed for all small businesses, especially women entrepreneurs and small firms in underserved markets that have historically had difficulty in tapping into federal contract markets. The course provides information about the $400 billion federal market, contract rules, and most importantly, where to find contract opportunities and how to sell to the government.

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Office of Advocacy Identifies Regulations Needing Reform

As part of its Regulatory Review and Reform (r3) initiative, the SBA Office of Advocacy recently announced the 2008 Top 10 Rules for Review and Reform. The Top 10 are drawn from over 80 rules nominated by small business owners and their representatives and recommendations for addressing these rules have been transmitted to the appropriate federal agencies. Making the Top 10 is a recommendation to simplify the home office business deduction.

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SBA Announces Emerging 200 Cities

On March 11, the Small Business Administration announced the selection of 11 cities to participate in the Emerging 200 initiative, a jobs and growth stimulation effort targeting promising inner-city small businesses. The designated cities are Boston, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Memphis, Atlanta, Chicago, Milwaukee, Albuquerque, New Orleans, Des Moines and Oakland. The initiative will enable entrepreneurs from 200 small, inner-city companies to participate in an intensive and comprehensive curriculum focused on developing winning, local strategies and attracting capital to fuel growth.

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409 Third St., SW, Suite 210
Washington, DC 20024

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]

Sent: Monday, March 24, 2008 3:33 PM

To: Bernhardt-Mattingly; Katherine (DFG)

Subject: RE: fundraiser for state employee

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From: Bernhardt-Mattingly, Katherine (DFG)
Sent: Monday, March 24, 2008 3:15 PM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: fundraiser for state employee

We would like to invite you for an All you can eat Spaghetti feed and auction.
Susan George (Ritter/Markovich family) (works for the Alaska dept of Fish and Game) has been diagnosed with cancer and is currently undergoing treatment in Seattle. Join us in supporting Susan during this time of need.

Moose Family Center April 5th, 2008
5:30-8:00 pm

Adults $10.00
Child (6-12) $5.00
Children 5 and under, **FREE**

Thank you for your support and hope to see you there!!!

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Monday, March 24, 2008 1:01 PM
To: Smith; Lynne M (GOV)
Subject: FW: Don't Miss WTCAK Luncheon "Anti-Mining Initiatives: A Shutdown of Alaska Mines"

From: World Trade Center Alaska [mailto:info@wtcak.org]
Sent: Monday, March 24, 2008 10:11 AM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Don't Miss WTCAK Luncheon "Anti-Mining Initiatives: A Shutdown of Alaska Mines"

World Trade Center Alaska Monthly Luncheon

April 2, 2008

Karl Hanneman
Manager of Public and Environmental Affairs and Special Projects,
Teck- Cominco
President of Council of Alaskan Producers

Topic "Anti-Mining Initiatives: A Shutdown of Alaska Mines"

Where: Wells Fargo Bank, Headquarters Building (Northern Lights and "C"
Fifth Floor

Time: 12 noon (doors open 11:45 am)

Fee:
$20 WTCAK Members
$25 Non-Members
$15 Students (with valid school ID)

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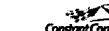
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From: Lois Epstein [lois@aktransportation.org]

Sent: Monday, March 24, 2008 11:38 AM

To: mike.rabbe@poa02.usace.army.mil; glen.e.justis@poa02.usace.army.mil; meade.chris@epa.gov; combes.marcia@epa.gov; kellogg.greg@epa.gov; Ruaro; Randall P (GOV); Kelly; Russell T (GOV)

Cc: Palin; Sarah H (GOV)

Subject: Three recent Juneau Road items (by legislators and the Mayor of Ketchikan) that are well worth reading

I hope you will factor these important materials into your thinking about the Juneau Road:

1) A bipartisan letter from six legislators to the House Finance Committee asking the Committee Co-Chairs to re-appropriate money currently dedicated to the Juneau Road project to the Alaska Marine Highway System Fund (AS 19.65.060) – attached,
2) A detailed letter from the Mayor of Ketchikan to the ADOT & PF Commissioner expressing his concerns about the lack of candor and objectivity shown by DOT officials in their testimony on February 26 before the Senate Transportation Committee at its "Financial Oversight Hearing on the Juneau Road Project" – attached, and
3) The opinion piece, below, by Senator Elton in the Juneau Empire regarding DOT's use of statistics in that same hearing.

Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you.

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Promoting sensible transportation systems in Alaska

http://juneauempire.com/stories/031208/opi_256205147.shtml#mdw-comments

Wednesday, March 12, 2008

Story last updated at 3/12/2008 - 9:39 am

My Turn: Transportation department road stats fail to illuminate

By Kim Elton | Juneau Empire

Pat Kemp, a good public servant and vocal Lynn Canal road advocate for many years, mentioned my Feb. 29 newsletter in his recent opinion piece. Here's what the 1,175 newsletter subscribers read:

The Department of Transportation and Public Facilities is losing street cred faster than Idaho Sen. Larry Craig.

The transportation department's credibility problem arises because some managers use statistics the way Vin Scully says a drunk uses a lamp post. The value of a lamp post to the inebriated is it props you up. But for policy makers the real value should be illumination.

The transportation department pooh-bahs are not tipplers but neither are they fully committed to using statistics for illumination. Let's review the statistics they used advocating for the Lynn Canal road to a new ferry terminal opposite Haines.

Transportation department statistic 1: (Ferry system) costs over 12 years are equivalent to about six Juneau Access projects. My reaction to this statistical lamp post is: Comparing the proposed Lynn Canal road costs to the cost of the entire ferry system over 12 years is no more appropriate than comparing the costs of the entire state highway system over 12 years to the cost of a new ferry.

Transportation department statistic 2: The number of vehicle miles traveled on the ferry system is 0.5 percent of vehicle miles on state roads. My reaction to this statistical lamp post is: The huge majority of vehicle miles on state roads is commuter traffic in Alaska's big cities. Ferries go from town to town, not downtown to the suburbs.

Transportation department statistic 3: The cost per vehicle mile on the highways is far less than the cost per vehicle mile on the marine highway system. My reaction to this statistical lamp post is: So what? This is, at best, a meaningless figure and at worst purposefully misleading. Ferries don't have the tens and tens and tens of thousands of daily vehicle miles that accrue because of the intra-urban state roads that move big city commuters. Ferries don't do drags like Egan Expressway, the A-C couplet, Tudor, Dimond, or O'Malley, or all the other Anchorage and Fairbanks state roads that move drivers from home to job and job to the grocery store. Massive numbers from commuter volume obviously distort any cost comparisons with ferries that don't serve commuters.

Transportation department statistic 4: The projected inflation rate used to help support the estimated $350 million road cost is 4 percent per year over the course of a 12-year construction period. My reaction to this statistical lamp post: Remember, this third of a billion dollar cost estimate, based on 4 percent inflation for the next 12 years, comes from the same folks who estimated the cost of the one-mile Third Avenue project in Ketchikan at $6 million while the final cost was four times that.

I'm especially aggrieved by transportation department statistic 4. On a Tuesday, transportation department officials projected yearly inflation for the Lynn Canal Highway over 12 years will be 4 percent. On the day after, they testified in support of a $1 billion endowment for future road projects by noting inflation was 80 percent for paving and 60 percent for earthmoving in the past seven years.

Let's repeat this: Transportation department folks touted a theoretical 4 percent inflation rate in support of the road, but the next day they touted a real inflation rate of 10 percent-plus to convince us to back $1 billion for future, unspecified, road spending. It doesn't take Sherlock Holmes, known for cracking the 7 percent solution caper, to intuit there may be mischief afoot with the transportation department's situational statistics.

Transportation department officials lose street cred (in this case, road cred) massaging statistics to suit the advocacy on proposals adding up to $1.35 billion ($1 billion for the transportation project fund and $350 million-plus for the road). That's a lot of money - 1.35 billion seconds ago it was 1942.

When we deal with that much money let's find statistics that illuminate. The lamp posts and the lamps are supposed to light the way, not just prop us up.

• Kim Elton, D-Juneau, is an Alaska state senator.

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Monday, March 24, 2008 11:49 PM
To: Colberg; Talis J (LAW)
Cc: PARNELL; S (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Fw: Update on Senator Dyson's Native Commission Proposal

Fyi- Rhonda's a great one to help pull this together:

Sent from my BlackBerry® device from Cellular One

-----Original Message-----

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Date: Tue, 25 Mar 2008 07:46:12

To:"Rhonda (GOV) McBride" <rhonda.mcbride@alaska.gov>

Subject: Re: Update on Senator Dyson's Native Commission Proposal

Thank you. And does Walter travel? Or should we go there?

Sent from my BlackBerry® device from Cellular One

-----Original Message-----

From: "McBride, Rhonda (GOV)" <rhonda.mcbride@alaska.gov>

Date: Mon, 24 Mar 2008 16:06:22

To:Sarah Palin <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>

Subject: RE: Update on Senator Dyson's Native Commission Proposal

Thanks. I will get you a copy of Harold Napoleon's book right away. I think Senator Dyson is feeling his age here. He reminds me of some other people in his age bracket who get grumpy and impatient, because they know the clock is running out – and they're passionate about getting something done. Fred has raised so many foster children of alcoholic parents. His heart is in the right place – and hopefully Randy Ruaro and I can sit down with him soon -- and talk about what the state can and can't do to make his vision a reality. He's in a big hurry to get started right away. But we need to make him understand that his vision would be better served by some good planning – and the right timing – which would be at AFN.

I think it would help greatly if you could visit with Dr. Walter Soboleff. This would do a lot to reassure Senator Dyson of your commitment.

In the meantime, I'll get Harold's book out to you in the mail.

Rhonda

From: Sarah Palin [mailto:gov.sarah@yahoo.com]

Sent: Monday, March 24, 2008 2:53 PM

To: McBride, Rhonda (GOV)

Cc: Kelly, Russell T (GOV); Tibbles, Michael A (GOV); Nizich, Michael A (GOV); Jollie, Tara L (CED); Perry, Kristina Y (GOV); Bailey, Frank T (GOV); fek9wnr@yahoo.com; Privileged or Personal Ma

Subject: Re: Update on Senator Dyson's Native Commission Proposal

Excellent update on this, thanks Rhonda. May I get a copy of that book? And it's unfortunate that Dyson's been so hostile towards us about this idea since he first approached us with it last year, I said it sounded great & asked him to work with our Leg Liason (who's not on the 3rd floor anymore) and let me know what I could do to help... he never got back with us until he wrote a pretty scathing letter re: why we hadn't followed through on his request to set this up. He understands our time constraints we're always under, but I understand his passion for this, and I share it - just wish he could help with more of the logistics of setting everything up, as he says he's been desiring this and working for it for some years. Please continue to work with him on this commission or committee, hopefully he'll take some ownership of this and work with like-minded legislators and members of the public to assist us in setting this up.

"McBride, Rhonda (GOV)" <rhonda.mcbride@alaska.gov> wrote:

DRAFT:

NATIVE COMMISSION PROPOSAL

March 21, 2008

BACKGROUND

Senator Fred Dyson met with the Governor in early 2007 to discuss reconvening the Alaska Natives Commission -- a joint Federal-State body, created by Congress in 1990, to review policies and programs that affect Alaska Natives.

Senator Dyson says two men inspired him to take action:

* Dr. Walter Soboleff, a Tlingit elder who will turn 100 years old this November.

* Harold Napoleon, author of "Yuuyaraq: Way of the Human Being." Napoleon wrote this book while serving time in prison for battering his son to death in an alcoholic blackout. The book gives a historical perspective on why Alaska Natives abuse alcohol.

THE VISION. Walter Soboleff and Harold Napoleon want a state task force comprised of Native elders:

· to review the Commission's report

· to assess the status of Alaska Natives since the report came out in 1994.

· to find out how much progress has been made on the report's recommendations.

Senator Dyson says there's a spiritual aspect to this as well -- that Soboleff and Napoleon believe God directed them to him, to help make their vision a reality.

Some of the goals Dyson describes:

* to "redirect Alaska Native attention to spiritual values and transformation"

* to bring together "a group of godly men and women from Alaska's Native peoples to meet and study the many Native problems and identify solutions."

Originally, Dyson considered introducing legislation to resurrect the "Alaska Native Commission," but said it would be difficult to restrict members of the panel to "people with deep spiritual conviction."

Dyson now believes it would be easier for the Governor to appoint such a panel by executive order.

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CURRENT STATUS

This issue was brought to my attention in mid-February. I've met with the key players.

* 2/26/08. Met with Harold Napoleon
* 2/27/08. Met with Fred Dyson.
* 2/29/08. Met with Fred Dyson & Dr. Walter Soboleff

HAROLD NAPOLEON MEETING

This meeting was quite emotional. I've known Harold Napoleon for many years, but he's never spoken so intimately of the day his son died – the day his spiritual journey began.

At the time, Napoleon was head of the Association of Village Council Presidents, one of Southwest Alaska's most powerful leaders.

But alcohol brought an end to all that. Napoleon described the confusion when he awoke in a strange place after a night of heavy drinking -- how Trooper Jerry Hooper gently told him what he had done, even took him outside to get some air. Napoleon said time literally stopped in the room where he was held – that it seemed like hours had gone by. But when he looked at the clock, only five minutes had passed.

And from that day in1984 forward, time would keep dragging on. Napoleon spent nine years in prison. But out of this time of darkness came an important book -- that sheds new light on old problems.

While in prison, Napoleon had time to talk with other Native inmates – and found they had so much in common. These discussions sparked a desire to learn the root causes of Native alcoholism. In his book, "Yuuyaraq (you-yuh-hawk) : The Way of the Human Being," he discounted the role of genetics -- and said the primary cause of alcoholism is spiritual not physical.

Governor Walter Hickel was among those deeply moved by the book. He later tapped Napoleon as an advisor in efforts to bring about a change in the Native condition.

Napoleon now believes genetics it plays a greater role than he once thought, but he still believes the central issue is inter-generational trauma. Today he talks about this trauma passes from generation to generation through child abuse.

To break this chain of death and self-destruction, Napoleon says Alaska Natives must return to the source of cultural breakdown -- the "Great Death," a series of epidemics which struck Native communities from the 1770's to the 1940's, which wiped out the "old culture."

Napoleon says Alaska Natives do not realize that Native culture today is very different from what existed before the "Great Death."

Napoleon believes a Native Commission could make a big difference, by helping Natives understand their past - a process that will take open and honest communication.

DR. WALTER SOBOLEFF MEETING

This meeting was also quite powerful. How often do you get to sit down with a 99-year-old man, who is so clear in mind and heart -- so humble, yet so great?

Aside from reviewing the Alaska Native Commission report, Walter Soboleff would like to use the commisison as a vehicle to reconnect Alaska Natives to their "old culture" - which was governed by an elaborate set of rules to promote good behavior.

"Good behavior is prevention," Walter said. "We have the best of doctors, clinics, everything, but now we need to let people know they need to behave themselves."

Soboleff says the commission needs to focus on "delinquent parents," because "parental delinquency is contagious."

Some of the other concepts he would like the commission to promote among Alaska Natives.

* The road of progress is under construction and you are one of the workers.

* Every village, every community is a teacher. And a community teaches us well. We must ask: what kind of lessons are Alaska Native communities teaching today?

* All cultures have family values, cultural commandments. Take the best of each culture. Take the best of both worlds.

* Share codes of conduct and protocol from different Native Cultures.

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Sent: Monday, March 24, 2008 11:59 AM

To: 'Sarah Palin'

Subject: for your approval

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE **No. 08-041**

Governor Palin Announces Board Appointments

March 24, 2008, Juneau, Alaska - Governor Sarah Palin today announced appointments to the Fishermen's Fund Advisory and Appeals Council, Alaska Retirement Management Board and Prince William Sound Oil Spill Recovery Institute.

Fishermen's Fund Advisory and Appeals Council

Governor Palin appointed Mark Saldi of Skagway to the State Fishermen's Fund Board.

The six-member Council oversees the administration of the Fishermen's Fund and consults with the commissioner of the Department of Labor and Workforce Development regarding negative decisions on appeals filed in relation to care of sick and disabled fishermen.

Saldi has been a commercial fisherman for 28 years, working in a variety of positions, including deckhand, mate and skipper, on many vessels in different fisheries around the state. He holds a Coast Guard 200-ton ocean master license and five commercial fisheries limited-entry permits. Saldi is a past member of Skagway's Economic Development Committee and Ports and Harbors Committee. He received a bachelor's degree in business administration from Colorado State University. Saldi will serve a five-year term representing District 2.

Alaska Retirement Management Board

Governor Palin reappointed Martin Pihl of Ketchikan, Tom Richards of Fairbanks and Michael Williams of Anchorage to the Retirement Management Board.

The nine-member Board is comprised of the commissioners of the Departments of Revenue and Administration and seven trustees appointed by the Governor who are professionally credentialed or have recognized competence in investment management, finance, banking, economics, accounting, pension, administration or actuarial analysis.

Pihl is a certified public accountant who is a public member of the Board. He is a past member of the Alaska Permanent Fund Corp. and is the former president and general manager of Ketchikan Pulp Company. Pihl has served on a variety of community and state-level boards, including the Alaska State Pension Investment Board and the Ketchikan Ports and Harbors Advisory Board. He is a former regent of Pacific Lutheran University and has served as a director of National Bank of Alaska. He currently is a member of the Wells Fargo Bank Alaska Statewide Advisory Board. Pihl earned a bachelor's degree in accounting from the University of Washington. He will serve a four-year term.

Richards has served on the state's Teachers' Retirement System Board for the past year. He is a lifelong Alaskan and 27-year educator in the Fairbanks North Star Borough School District. Richards has served on the Northern Schools Federal Credit Union Board as well as on the Alaska

Bond and Reimbursement Committee. He earned a bachelor's degree in zoology from the University of Idaho and a master's in education from Western Oregon University. He will serve a four-year term.

Williams, who works as an auditor with the Alaska Department of Revenue, fills a union seat on the board. He is a professional accountant and is certified by the International Foundation for Employee Benefit Plans and also by the IRS Office of Professional Responsibility. Williams earned a bachelor's degree in accounting and German and a master's in professional accountancy, both from Weber State University. He will serve a four-year term.

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Governor Palin appointed David Totemoff Sr., of the Prince William Sound community of Tatitlek, to the Prince William Sound Oil Spill Recovery Institute.

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Totemoff is a senior Native leader. He is 100 percent Aleut and is a lifelong Alaskan with 15 years of commercial fishing experience. Since 1976, he has been employed with BP on the North Slope. He serves as BP's community liaison to the Prince William Sound area, and is also on the board of directors for Chugach Alaska Corp.

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Sent: Monday, March 24, 2008 4:06 PM

To: 'Sarah Palin'

Subject: RE: Update on Senator Dyson's Native Commission Proposal

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I think it would help greatly if you could visit with Dr. Walter Soboleff. This would do a lot to reassure Senator Dyson of your commitment.

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Rhonda

From: Sarah Palin [mailto:gov.sarah@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, March 24, 2008 2:53 PM
To: McBride, Rhonda (GOV)
Cc: Kelly, Russell T (GOV); Tibbles, Michael A (GOV); Nizich, Michael A (GOV); Jollie, Tara L (CED); Perry, Kristina Y (GOV); Bailey, Frank T (GOV); fek9wnr@yahoo.com; Privileged or Person
Subject: Re: Update on Senator Dyson's Native Commission Proposal

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"McBride, Rhonda (GOV)" <rhonda.mcbride@alaska.gov> wrote:

DRAFT:
NATIVE COMMISSION PROPOSAL

March 21, 2008

BACKGROUND

Senator Fred Dyson met with the Governor in early 2007 to discuss reconvening the Alaska Natives Commission – a joint Federal-State body, created by Congress in 1990, to review policies and programs that affect Alaska Natives.

Senator Dyson says two men inspired him to take action:

- Dr. Walter Soboleff, a Tlingit elder who will turn 100 years old this November.
- Harold Napoleon, author of "Yuuyaraq: Way of the Human Being." Napoleon wrote this book while serving time in prison for battering his son to death in an alcoholic blackout. The book gives a historical perspective on why Alaska Natives abuse alcohol.

THE VISION. Walter Soboleff and Harold Napoleon want a state task force comprised of Native elders:

- to review the Commission's report
- to assess the status of Alaska Natives since the report came out in 1994.
- to find out how much progress has been made on the report's recommendations.

Senator Dyson says there's a spiritual aspect to this as well -- that Soboleff and Napoleon believe God directed them to him, to help make their vision a reality.

Some of the goals Dyson describes:

- to "redirect Alaska Native attention to spiritual values and transformation"
- to bring together "a group of godly men and women from Alaska's Native peoples to meet and study the many Native problems and identify solutions."

Originally, Dyson considered introducing legislation to resurrect the "Alaska Native Commission," but said it would be difficult to restrict members of the panel to "people with deep spiritual conviction."

Dyson now believes it would be easier for the Governor to appoint such a panel by executive order.

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CURRENT STATUS

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HAROLD NAPOLEON MEETING

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At the time, Napoleon was head of the Association of Village Council Presidents, one of Southwest Alaska's most powerful leaders.

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"Good behavior is prevention," Walter said. "We have the best of doctors, clinics, everything, but now we need to let people know they need to behave themselves."

Soboleff says the commission needs to focus on "delinquent parents," because "parental delinquency is contagious."

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I have emailed Mr. Gillespie saying that we are able to send photo (I have some down here). I will wait until he replies back confirming his mailing address. Thanks, Janice

-----Original Message-----

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Janice,

We usually send pictures, do you want me to bring a unsigned picture for her to sign for him??

Donna

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Well - I know the Governor Signs things for whoever asks - is there something in particular that he is asking for her to sign. I have not heard from him before - we always sign whatever they are asking...

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Sent: Friday, March 21, 2008 3:45 PM

To: Mason, Janice L (GOV)

Subject: FW: Rural/Native

Janice, what do you think? Should I write him back and say no, or do you think the Governor would be willing to sign something for him?

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Web mail from: Mr. Jim Gillespie

address: Box 481838 Charlotte NC 28269

MESSAGE:

Jim Gillespie

P.O. Box 481838

Charlotte, NC 28269-5316

To Whom It May Concern,

Hello. Can you tell me if the Governor signs authentic autographs through the mail? I've written several times through the mail and then tried email. I've either received no reply or a pre-printed autograph. Now I live in North Carolina and wondered if a NC address would have less chance of receiving a reply. Should I try writing again? If so, please let me know. If genuine autographs aren't provided through the mail, I didn't want to keep wasting letters and stamps. Thanks for your time and your assistance. Keep up the good work. I hope to get back to my home state for a visit this year. Take care.

Regards,

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